

Dear town meeting members,

4/11/2023

I respectfully disagree with the people who want to change the flag. Because they put a lot of effort into the flag. Number 2 it represents our history very well. It shows the history of the Pilgrims and the Native Americans. Number 3 it is a beautiful flag. As I said I respectfully disagree and I told you my reasons!

Written by **T.A.**, third grade

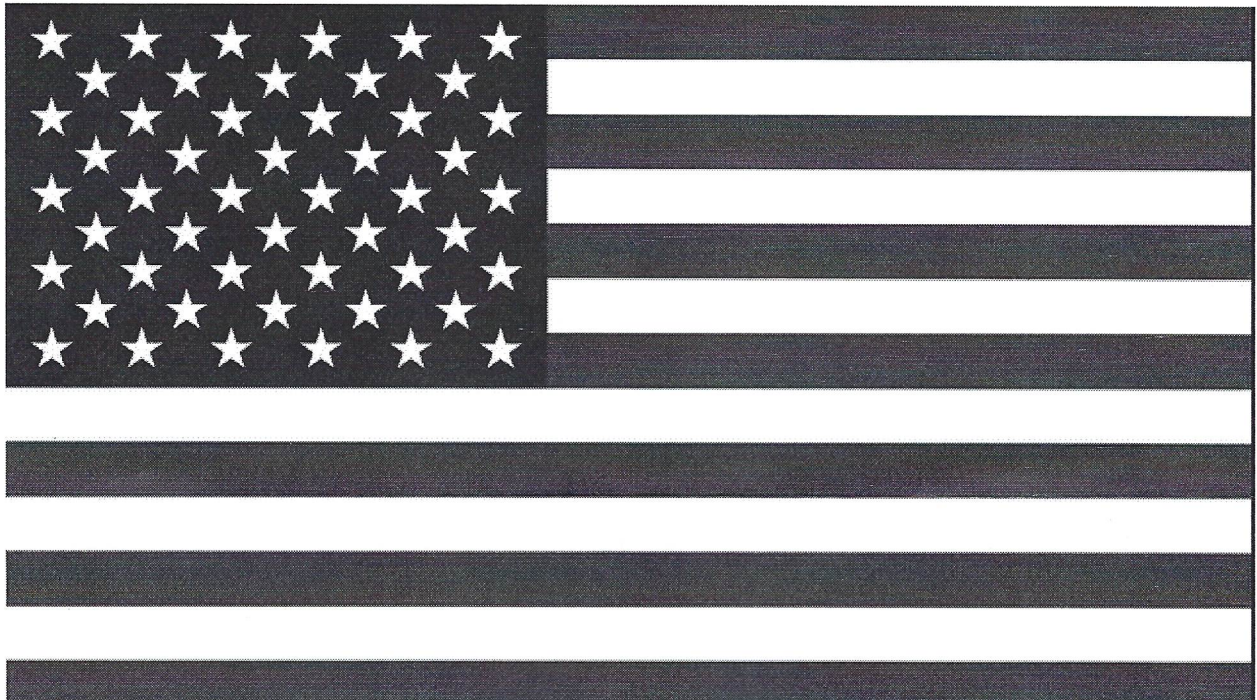
Dear:Town meeting leaders

4/24/2023

Why the flag of Arlington should change

Because The flag of Arlington should be changed because it has a violent sword that is over the wampanoags head and it reminds people pilgrims and how they treated the wampanoag and how the pilgrims took other tribes like the wampanoag and people want the sword to change to a tree to resemble peace i would like if you would change it please.

From :Sean.S



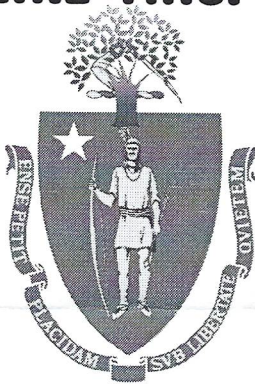
CHANGE THAT FLAG!

Dear Town Meeting Members,

Personally, I think you should change the flag because on the flag, there is an arm with a sword (circled in RED) representing Myles Standish in the Revolutionary War. To some people he was a hero, but he was also responsible for violence. I might be wrong, but—I don't think *anyone* wants to be reminded of war. It was not a peaceful time. Our flag should show peace and love. I'm not saying I want you to change the WHOLE flag. I just think you should change the little arm with the sword. Maybe you could change it to a tree, or a peace sign.



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From: Abigail E.F.

The state flag should be changed

Dear town meeting members,

I think that we should change the state flag to something more peaceful. One reason is that it is violent and shows our fights and not peaceful futures. Also it gives a sign of hate and war. Reason 2 is our motto. "with a sword" is very strong but weaponry is not necessary for our motto because again it shows a sign of fear and the need to hurt someone in order to stay safe. However our motto is a bit better because of the part "she seeks peace" I think that is more appropriate and is more peaceful and kind and gives more peaceful futures. Reason 3 is that I think changing the entire flag is not necessary because I think that we still could show our history but like what I said we can do it in a more peaceful way.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely Ava C.H.

Yes you should change the state flag!

Dear, town meeting members,

I agree with you that the flag should be changed and the reason I think that is because it is violent and reminds people of the hurtful things they have done. Although we do do a lot of hurtful things, that is not the whole story. We shouldn't be reminded of the past because the past already happened, instead we should think about the future and all the good things that are yet to come. We should have many more people on the flag, not just one wampanoag.

Sincerely: Beatrice M.

We Shouldn't Keep The State Flag

Dear town meeting member,

I think we should change the state flag because it's violent and we aren't a violent state. For example, on the flag there's a weapon that a Indigenous person is holding and an arm holding a sword.

Another reason we should change the state flag is because it shows an arm holding a sword of someone who was an English hero and hurt the Indigenous peoples and the Indigenous peoples don't like it. For example, there is an arm holding the sword of the English hero.

One way you could make the flag better is to change the arm holding a sword to a tree that represents peace so the Indigenous peoples can be happy with our state flag and not think that it shows war and fighting. Another way you can make the flag better is you can remove the weapon that the Indigenous person is holding to make it peaceful and not violent. You should do this because the Indigenous peoples came here before us and we should respect them by changing it to not remind them of war and fighting.

Sincerely Zach C.

***To The Representative Of Arlington I Want To
Say The Massachusetts Flag And Seal Should Change***

Dear, representative of Alington

The Massachusetts flag and seal is a disgrace to the people that live here in the state . Every person should be appreciated as much as everyone else. And the flag and seal should say that to the people in the state and the people outside the state. It will be a disgrace if you do not change it. It will be an outrage if you change it to something else like the flag and seal now.

Thank you, representative of Alington.

Best regards,

Charlotte .E.T.

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Dear town meeting members,

I think you *should* change the seal on the flag into a tree because it shows peace. For example, we are all people who live in Massachusetts and we are very welcoming, are we? Why is there an arm holding a sword when we come in peace?! We DO.....do we?

Another reason I have is back in the old times. The pilgrims and the Wampanoag came over to Massachusetts I think. If they did, they probably made the flag hold a sword. I think a tree would be nice because the arm holding a sword doesn't seem like a good sign for Arlington. Trees are peaceful and happy, unlike a sword, which is mad and hurtful.

Thank you for your attention!

From

Sierra

We Should not keep the state flag

Dear town meeting member,

You should change the flag and seal a tiny bit to make the hand and sword not look like myles standish but make it so it looks more like a warers hand and a gray not a brown sword to represent som wars. Also another change should be is the sword is not pointed at the wampanoag. Another thing this would be a hardly I difference so you could slowly change police badges and esc

It should be changed because well it is a little violent to native americans because of the sword. So I think either you should do what I suggested or put a tree as a sign of peace. That is why I think you should change it.

Sincerely *Leo*

Yes! You should change the state flag

Dear town meeting members,

I agree with you that the state flag should be changed.

One reason is because on the flag the sword seems violent and the arrow seems violent. We should put something that shows **peace!**

Another reason is if there is an arrow and sword, some people could think this is a non-peaceful place, and we don't want that!

Another reason is that we are a peaceful state, not a violent state and we should show that, not war! (I just think the flag looks like it shows war)!

Another reason is the flag (no offense) I think is boring.

Another reason is that it's sad because it reminds me of war and the people who died and fought for war, our lives, and our whole state.

My last reason is (In my opinion) the flag that looks like it shows war not peace, and I **hate** that!

Now you know why I think that you should change the flag!

Sincerely: Ella A.

Dear town meeting members

You should change the flag because the native Americans were the first ones here so they should be welcome to there home that we came into. For example, if someone came into your home and took everything in there site would you like that because that's what the colonists did to the americans.

Another reason is we don't want to bring back bad feeling we want good feelings to come throw the flag, not bad thots that have been in the past. For example, when you have a nightmare when it's done you want to forget the nightmare. Well, we keep the feeling with native americans would you want to remember your nightmare.

Sincerely Remington M.

4/2023

“You should keep the flag the way it is”,

Dear Town Meeting Members,

I think you should not change the flag because it represents us so why change it? For Example: what if the flag isn't what you expected?, what if it is **HORRENDOUS** to you?

Another reason is because the state's flag isn't that bad right?, it's pretty cool the way it is. Another Example is because the Native Americans invented almost all the stuff that we have so we should respect them and keep the flag the way it is who's with me?!?
Please agree with me?

,C.J.C

You Should Change The Flag & Seal Because...

I feel like you should change the flag and seal Because I feel like it is too much violence and maybe people might feel offended because some people that live here have different stories and backgrounds. I want there to be a tree to represent peace

And swords around it to represent the struggle the Wamponog went through. I also have a moto idea for the change. *He who cries for peace during struggle and he who begs for liberty.*

Thank you for your time,

Siobhan C

The State Flag Should Be Changed!

Dear Town meeting members,

I agree with you that the state flag should be changed.

One reason is because, the flag should be changed because the flag shows the harmful memories with the wars and the dark side. For instance, the arm holding the sword owns violence and reminds people of the hurtful things they've done. The sword reminds people of the wars that America fought and all the soldiers that were killed. It feels awful to have a memory of people who were killed and people who fought for us. Doesn't it?

Another reason is because the flag chose to show violence and the people as the plimoth who came before us. You wouldn't want a flag that shows people who came before us and not represent us,, would you?

In summary, I think you should change the flag and you should replace the flag with peace and respectful thoughts rather than mean and violence thoughts.

Thank you,

Sincerely,
Disha G.